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AMENDMENT

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 (Paper No. 14), sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the Office Action to and through October 23, 2002.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 18, 19, 29 and 35, as set forth below. A "marked-up" copy of the claims indicating the changes is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) An expression vector which comprises an expression region, wherein the expression region comprises:

a promoter;

an intracellular retention signal sequence encoding region; and a

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